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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2017 EE SYMPOSIUM

[Registration is now open](#) for the 2017 Environmental Education State Symposium to be held February 3 & 4, 2017 at the Baton Rouge Marriott.

Join formal and non-formal environmental educators from Louisiana and surrounding states as we meet to share EE teaching techniques and practices, new research and information, and spend lots of time discussing our experiences as educators. Choose from multiple concurrent sessions to fit your interest and grade level.

As always, we will offer optional Friday short courses that present day-long environmental education workshops or tours. This year choose among the following five short courses:

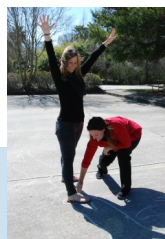
- *Growing Up WILD*
Connect your early childhood students to the natural world! Children explore wildlife and the world around them! This short course is based on the “Growing Up WILD” program targeting 3-7 year-olds. Receive the activity guide, “Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children,” and leave with ideas on how to include the new Science Practices in your science lessons! Door Prizes!
Grade Levels: Pre-K-4
Location: LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden
Presenter: Dr. Brenda Nixon, Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy
- *Eagle Tour*
The Atchafalaya Basin, the largest overflow swamp in the country, is home to an abundance of wildlife, including rare and endangered species such as the American bald eagle. Our Eagle Tour includes a boat tour into various waterways to view eagle’s nests, wildlife, flora, fauna and the culture of the area. Birding experts will be on board to help with the identification of other birds sighted.
Grade Levels: Pre-K-12
Location: Van leaves from the Marriott
Presenter: Alma Robichaux, Barataria Terrebone National Estuary Program

PROTECTING LOUISIANA'S



ENDANGERED SPECIES

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Educators enjoyed a variety of short courses at the 2016 symposium, including (left to right) Watershed Webs, Green Schools Tour, Leading Preschoolers in Exploration, and Discovering Biodiversity.

- *Endangered Species and Zoos*

Tour the Baton Rouge Zoo, focusing on both local and global endangered species. What causes a species to become endangered and what are the conservation actions your students can do to save species? Find out from those who know firsthand! Interesting animal facts and tales are sure to be included!

Grade Levels: 5-16

Location: Baton Rouge Zoo

Presenter: Brenda Walkenhorst, Audubon Institute

- *Wetlands*

Come join us to find out more about the functions and values of wetlands and why southeast LA is experiencing the fastest land loss in the world. Educators will participate in wetlands activities that can be adapted to any grade level.

Grade Levels: K-12

Location: BREC Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center

Presenters: Angela Capello, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries & Dianne Lindstedt, Louisiana Sea Grant

- *Young Environmental Science Stewards Project (YESS)* Explore with mapping tools the rivers of the Pontchartrain Watershed and its estuarine and groundwater systems. Interpret data on the August floods. Practice hands on water data collection on Dawson Creek, following GLOBE Program (www.Globe.gov) hydrology protocols. Investigate ways to bring these methods to your students. You will receive water quality equipment for your classroom.

Grade Levels: 5-12

Location: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Presenter: Dinah Maygarden, University of New Orleans

Register for the conference and optional Friday short course at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/webform/2017-louisiana-environmental-education-state-symposium>.

To book a room at the Marriott using the special conference rate, visit <https://goo.gl/7L4LZR>.

SUBMIT A CONCURRENT SESSION PROPOSAL

Concurrent sessions will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Baton Rouge Marriott. Session times will be approximately 50 minutes, with 10-minute breaks between. Visit <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/presenter-form> to submit a proposal. Proposals are due on or before Monday, December 5, 2016.

EXHIBITORS

If you would like to represent your organization as an exhibitor at the symposium, please register at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/exhibitor-form>.



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